



ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUR PILLARS OF STEWARDSHIP: WEEK TWO

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 AT 10:30 A.M.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION

The gifts of God we have received and continue to receive come with the call, charge, and responsibility to mindfully manage and use them according to God's purposes, and for God's glory. Stewardship is a matter of understanding our call and responsibility. Stewardship is a matter of the mind.



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**Please stand if able*

P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation

(ELW—Red Book)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sandra Tallant

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 116-118

*SHARING THE PEACE P: The peace of the Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

*GATHERING HYMN

"This Is My Father's World"

ELW #824

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the feast of victory for our God ..."

ELW p. 122-123

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Gracious Father, Loving Son, Indwelling Spirit, we praise you for who you are, and for your presence among us. With grateful hearts we acknowledge with thanksgiving all your good gifts to us. Help us to mindfully and responsibly manage all that you have given, that we might so prove to be trustworthy stewards, in and through the name of Him who died and resurrected for us, Jesus the Living Christ. C: **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

LESSONS

Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:15; Psalm 8; Romans 12:1-2

Kermit Nash

*HOLY GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia, Alleluia ..."

ELW p. 124

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-29

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"As Saints of Old"

ELW #695

*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW p. 127

*INTERCESSORY PRAYER

A: Lord in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.**

Kermit Nash

MEAL

THE OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Sandra Tallant

*OFFERING PRESENTATION/RESPONSE **"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**

ELW #182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Kermit Nash

A: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and make them an embodiment of your love for the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **Amen.**

***THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V**

ELW p. 65-66

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

ELW p. 135

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW #471

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Kermit Nash

A: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

***BLESSING** P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

“O God beyond All Praising”

ELW #880

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Sandra Tallant

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in honor of Joyce Setzer on her birthday (September 23) by George Setzer.

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LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Assisting Minister: Kermit Nash

Organist: Sandra Tallant

Deacons: Nick Setzer, Kerri Nash

Communion Assistants: Hal Sigmon, Nick Setzer

Altar Guild: Jo Marilyn Hewitt, Linda Hewitt, Maria Wright, Vanessa Arndt

Tabulators: Mike & Donna Evans, Cathy Sigmon, Nick Setzer

Tech: Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

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GENESIS 1:26-28; GENESIS 2:15

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

The Lord GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

PSALM 8

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands, you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

ROMANS 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

MATTHEW 25:14-29

For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.'